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SUBJECT: NIGER-FRENCH RELATIONS

1. ACCORDING TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR GASCHIGNARD, FEENCH-NIGERIEN AID COORDINATING COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN PARIS NEXT WEEK TO CONSIDER FRENCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. THIS IS BIANNUAL EXERCISE NORMALLY HELD IN JUNE AND DECEMBER BUT DELAYED THIS YEAR FROM JUNE TO OCTOBER AT REQUEST OF GON. DECISION ON THESE PROJECTS AND DIMENSION OF FRENCH ASSISTANCE FOR FOLLOWING YEAR NORMALLY REACHED AT DECEMBER MEETING. NIGER DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY FONMIN DJERMAKOYE ON HIS WAY BACK FROM UNGA AND BY AROUNA MOUNKEILA OF DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY.

2. THIS MEETIN WILL BE FOLLOWED BY URANIUM NEGOTIATIONS, KEY ISSUE BEING PRICE NIGER WILL DEMAND OF FRENCH. GASCHIGNARD COMMENTED SWRYLY THAT PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE HAD ASSURED HIM GON'S DEMANDS WOULD BE "MODEST".

3. FRENCH MINISTER OF COOPERATION IS SCHEDULED VISIT NIGER LATE OCTOBER. FRENCH HAVE PROPOSED OCTOBER 28/29
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